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Re: David Murray Banks, et al.
(Assigned to Hewlett-Packard Development Company, L.P.)
U. S. Patent Application No: 10/632,123
"Identifying Uncorrectable Codewords in a Reed-Solomon Decoder..."
Our Ref: B-5182 621126-9/RPB

It will be appreciated if you will inform us as to the status of the above-identified U.S. patent application. This inquiry is being initiated on the basis of the fact that the subject application was filed on July 30, 2003, and an official action dealing substantively with this application has not been received. Therefore, please inform us as to when we may expect to receive an official action for the above-identified application.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Very truly yours,

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